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15 Sir:

In response to the office action mailed March 6, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

20 Please amend the following paragraphs as set forth below (clean copies of the amended paragraphs are presented in Appendix 1).

Please amend the following paragraph beginning at page 2, line 18 as follows:

A 25 The first problem is that it is not possible to accommodate [to] diverse audio data compression systems.

Please amend the following paragraph beginning at page 2, line 20 as follows:

A2 The second problem is that it is not possible to accommodate [to] encryption accompanying the shift to digital audio.

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Please amend the following paragraph beginning at page 2, line 23 as follows: